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Politicians ought to tell the truth.

Put a small man in a big position and he will forget himself.

Why is justice in Washington like the weather?

Because it is changeable. The justice that is meted out to the white man not given to the negro.

There is but little hope for the negro in the South.

The BEE editor is not looking for an office and neither does he want one.

Unhappy is the man who hangs on official favors.

Abolish the office of justice of the peace.

It is better that they are abolished.

All offices in the District of Columbia should be filled by election.

The negro vote will divide in 1900.

Our new leadership is made out of that which cannot be seen.

In union there is strength.

E. M. Hewlett is the most manly negro attorney before the District bar.

Be is not the man to cater for favors.

If there was more manhood in negro attorneys they would succeed better.

Be truthful, it will pay always.

There is too much treachery among certain negroes to succeed.

This world was not made for the white man alone.

It is not well to tell all you know.

Be careful of what you say and to whom you say it.

Don't be too hasty in coming to a conclusion.

The Maryland politicians have not been cared for as yet.

Will the negro vote ever become a factor in American body politic?

Be what you say you are nothing more.

Deception is sooner or later detected.

An honest man is a truthful man.

You should do nothing that is distasteful to good society.

It is not the person who grins in your face, that should be regarded as your friend.

Don't place too much confidence in the person who pretends friendship.

Be honest with your fellow man.

The best policy is when you can not do a thing say so.

It will never effect you to be truthful.

Don't be alarmed at a little noise.

The try daily has been struggling hard since its publication.

It came out one day and has been trying hard ever since to make its appearance daily.

Can any one tell the difference between the old school and new school of politicians?

Well out of the great number of officers appointed in the army not one negro was appointed.

What has become of the repeal the civil service law?

Don't forget how the negroes fought on San Juan Hill.

General Miles thinks well of the negro soldiers.

And yet not a negro officer has been appointed in the regular army.

The man who speaks the truth is the man to trust.

Don't be too impetuous in your deliberation.

The man who thinks he knows it all is generally affected with the big head.

There was tyranny in the schools on the part of certain school officers.

There are some school officials too much on the old woman order.

The day will soon come when all will be placed on a level.

It is not the wise man who makes a fool of himself.

Our head swells some times beyond the usual size.

TEXAS' SINGING WELL.

It Gives Out Weird Sounds and Rises and Falls With the Wind.

About three miles west of Cedar Bayou, Harris county, Texas is a remarkable well. When it was dug no one can tell, but it has been in existence for more than 60 years. The well is known as the "Singing Well."

In calm, fine weather a sound like that of an Aeolian harp comes upward between the angles of vines below. At times the sound seems nearer and clearer; then again it recedes, as if far away, and reaches the ear very faintly. These changes take place every few minutes and with great regularity. With an east wind blowing the water in the well gets very low and the mysterious musical sound very faint. A strong west wind causes the water to rise and the sound to increase in volume and clearness.

But it is just before a great norther that the old well plays its wildest pranks. Then, for several hours, the water rises to within a few feet of the top of the well, and emits the weirdest, wildest noises that ever reached human ears. At such times even the water drawn out with buckets moans and wails as if in anguish.

The well is about 60 feet deep. A few years ago the land on which it is located was bought by a Mr. Watkins, who, not liking the sounds that came from the well, employed two men to fill it up. They shoveled dirt into the well two weeks, but it did not effect the depth of water perceptibly, and they threw up the contract.

From the measurements of the excavations they had made it was calculated that the well should have been filled up a little more than twice.

The water is very clear, with a bluish tint, and is fairly palatable. No other wells in the neighborhood show such pranks as are played by the "Singing Well."

Could Not Shoot.

A Hindu looks upon the slaughter of an animal with the same dread and horror with which he would witness the taking of a life of a human being. It would be well for some of the hunters from our own country to learn from such pagans a lesson in humanity. Rev. B. Fay Mills tells the story of a hunter who employed as a decoy for deer a peculiarly constructed whistle, which closely imitated the voice of a young fawn calling its mother.

With his rifle in hand ready for instant action, he was one day blowing his whistle, when suddenly a mother deer thrust her head out of the bushes and looked straight toward him. There she stood, trembling with fear, yet looking this way and that in search of the little one which she supposed to be in danger. The hunter said:

"As I looked into those eloquent eyes, anxiously glancing here and there with maternal fear, my heart melted. I could not shoot."

Young deer that have not been chased or fired at by hunters will frequently come very near to unarmed travelers. The writer, while driving along a country road in northern Maine, has had a deer walk just in advance of the horse for some distance, and it is well known that wild deer often come into pastures and feed with the cows. To take advantage of this confidence seems very near to murder.

Rats and Underground Wires.

Rats are playing havoc with the underground telephone and telegraph cables in St. Louis. They have discovered that the wires are covered with paraffined paper, and they rather like the taste. To satisfy their appetites, they must gnaw through the lead casing around the wires. It has happened in a number of cases that the rats in gnawing through the lead cables, to get at the greased paper, have bared the copper wires in such a manner as to make it impossible to establish communication over them. Every time this happens it costs the company whose wires are interrupted all the way from a few dollars to several hundred. The telephone men are trying to devise some means of stopping the depredations.

The People Who Work Best.

The people in all lines of duty who do the most work are the calmest, most unburied. Duties never wildly chase each other in their lives. One task never turns another out, not even compels hurried, imperfect doing. The calm spirit works methodically, doing one thing at a time well, and it, therefore, works swiftly, though never appearing to be in haste.

Spider Stops a Clock.

A spider that had woven a web around the pendulum, after infinite trouble and many failures that would have discouraged one less persevering, succeeded at last in stopping an old reliable clock at Nantucket.

Forged Autographs.

The trial of a German for swindling by the use of forged autographs of Martin Luther recently, brought out the fact that the ink used by Luther 350 years ago is so good that copies can still be taken from it.

Feel of Your Ears.

An English writer, who for fifteen years or more has been a student of criminal anthropology, says that large, voluminous ears are the most marked characteristics of the criminal.

English Words.

There are now over 250,000 words in the English language, acknowledged by the best authorities, or about 70,000 more than in the German, French, Spanish and Italian combined.

Wooden Legs.

Wooden legs, according to statisticians, are used by over 1,000,000 English-speaking men, and this accounts for the enormous trade in limbs of this kind.

The Giraffe's Hide.

For the hide of a full-grown giraffe, greatly sought after in Africa for whip and sandal making, the native hunters get from \$15 to \$25.

London Slums.

Two hundred thousand families, it has been calculated, are living in London on about \$1 a week.

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THE HUMAN BODY.

Many Odd Facts Which Are Not Generally Known.

Human beings are of all sizes, but the tall man is less common than the short; only one man in every 208 exceeds the height of six feet. For every foot of stature a man should weigh from twenty-six to twenty-eight pounds, a proportion that is not the lot of all in these hurrying, scurrying days.

An average-sized man weighs 140 pounds; a woman 125 pounds. Curiously enough, the mean weight and height of lunatics are below those of sane people. Another unexpected thing in this respect that a negro's skeleton weighs more than that of an Englishman.

The vitalizing power is the blood, a drop of which takes but twenty-two seconds to go the round of the body. There passes through the heart once in every three minutes an amount of this precious fluid equal to all that is contained in the body.

The mileage of the blood circulation reveals some astonishing and undreamed of truths. It is estimated that, assuming the average speed of the heart to be sixty-nine beats a minute, the blood travels 207 yards in sixty seconds; in other words, seven miles an hour, 168 a day, or 6,320 per year.

If a man of 84 could have one single blood corpuscle floating in his blood all his life, it would have traversed in that period no less than 5,150,808 miles.

The average weight of the brain of an adult male is three pounds eight ounces, of a female, two pounds four ounces. The woman's brain begins to decline in weight after the age of thirty, the man's not till ten years later. According to high authorities the nerves, with their branches and minute ramifications connecting with the brain, exceed 10,000,000 in number.

The palm of the hands and soles of the feet are composed of cushions of fat, in order that sudden jolts and violent blows may be successfully resisted, and no injury done to the muscles and bones underneath.

The muscles of which the tongue monopolizes eleven- and bones of the human structure in combination are capable of more than 1,200 different motions.

The teaching of experience indicates that accidents are far more likely to occur to the right leg and arm than to the left. Further evidence of this fact is supplied by the makers of artificial limbs; they dispose of many more appendages to the right side of the body than to the other. Statistics show that in fifty-four cases out of a hundred the left leg is stronger than the right.

If a man could move his legs proportionally as fast as an ant, he would travel not far short of 800 miles an hour.

Seeing Bullets as They Fly.

"As every sportsman knows," said an enthusiastic hunter, "it is easy to see a rifle bullet in the air, and those fired from the new high-power guns are very curious to look at. Stand a dozen yards to one side of the mark and let a friend blaze away at any range with a small calibre weapon using smokeless powder, and you'll see a strange, bluish-white streak the instant the bullet strikes home. The streak is apparently a couple of inches wide and several feet long, and is more like a flash of light than anything else I can think of. With the old-fashioned Remington or Springfield carbine the bullet has the appearance of a long black rod, and I don't know why there should be such a difference in the optical illusion produced by the smaller calibre. I have heard some people deny that the bullet can be seen, but they are very much in error. It all depends on getting the right view point. A few feet either way will render the missile invisible, but the right spot is soon found by experiment, and after that the thing is as plain as day."

New Use of Glass.

The latest use of glass is instead of gold as a material for stopping decayed teeth. It answers splendidly and is far less conspicuous than the yellow metal. Of course, it is not ordinary glass, but it is prepared by some new patent process, which renders it soft and malleable. Glass too is being extensively used for church bells. It can be toughened so that there is no risk of it cracking, and the tone is said to be beyond anything yet invented, perfect, soft and sonorous.

Opals Are Safe.

Opals will soon be considered lucky stones if it is found that they are burglar-proof, which looks as if it might be the case from the accounts given of a recent robbery in Spokane, Wash. The burglars there broke into a jewelry shop and took a quantity of jewelry, but left the most valuable stones, a number of opals, which they could have taken as easily as the cheaper and more telltale goods which they carried away.

Poor Field for Inventors.

The patent laws of Japan afford little protection to foreign manufacturers or inventors. A native may patent any trademark of a foreigner if the patent be taken out before the real owner has moved in the matter. Then the only course open to the owner is to buy from the native the right to use his own trademark in Japan.

"The Queen's Health."

Every night, in every ship in Her Majesty's Navy, the Queen's health is drunk by the officers of the vessel; but it is a curious fact that it is always drunk sitting, the officers never rising, as is usual on land.

It is believed in Norway that wolves are frightened away by telegraph poles. On one occasion a village voted money to help in the construction of a line passing near them for this reason alone.

Ancient Custom.

In ancient times to eat salt with a man was held by most people to form a sacred tie of brotherhood. This custom still holds among Orientals.

Quick Counting

A machine has just been completed that will count and bind in packages 500,000 postal cards in ten hours.

BIRDS SHY OF WINDSTORMS

Tactics They Pursue to Escape Impending Danger.

The power of the winds is dreaded by almost all ordinary birds, and an instinctive knowledge seems to be possessed by them that if they once surrender to the force of the winds unknown dangers will have to be faced. Consequently, when a high storm prevails, all birds seek shelter of some kind. The strong-winged sea birds are the last to take flight at the approaching hurricane, but even they will finally try to escape its fury beneath the shelter of some cliff or sand dune. During tremendous windstorms birds may sometimes be seen flying overhead at a great altitude. When this phenomenon is observed it may be taken for granted that the upper atmosphere is comparatively quiet and that the disturbance is confined chiefly to the lower regions. Many sea birds seek the upper air of common quickness during hurricanes.

When a heavy wind or gale springs up the gulls, terns and petrels will fly back and forth over the water's surface, rising and falling, and uttering their peculiar cries of warning. If the storm extends too high up they will drift gradually with the wind or fly away to the edge of the hurricane. Very often they get caught unexpectedly in the gales of wind and they and themselves in a dangerous position. Then they struggle with might and main against the powers of the air currents. Knowing that danger and death face them if they once come under the dominion of the wind they use all the strength and tactics they are capable of to combat the elements. A young herring gull, a petrel or a tern thus surprised will beat up against the wind with powerful flight. It will rise high in the air, facing the gale and making a little progress forward as well as upward. Then it will suddenly descend with rapid flight toward one side of the storm-swept path, but falling off at the time in the direction of the blowing wind. Once more it will sweep around and face the storm, ascending heavenward and striking desperately out toward the direction of the storm.

Non-Freezing Water Pipes.

The Germans, who are so far ahead of many nations in a certain class of technical skill, have incorporated into their plumbing practice a non-freezing water pipe, which will save an incalculable amount of annoyance and profanity in a single winter. The purpose of the invention is not only to prevent the water from being frozen, but to provide an opportunity for its expansion by cold. Into the iron pipe, as far as it is above the ground, there is inserted a second narrower pipe of thin elastic substance, such, for instance, as rubber. This insertion remains unaffected by the ordinary pressure; but if the water should be frozen by extreme cold the elastic insertion is compressed by so much as the volume of water is increased by the freezing. With the coming of the thaw the insertion expands again to its original circumference. The object of the thin or lead around the insertion is to prevent an unpleasant taste or odor being imparted to the water. It is said that water pipes provided with such an insertion have withstood a cold test of 40 degrees centigrade, while others that were not so provided invariably burst at that temperature.

Life on a Torpedo Boat.

So injurious is life on a torpedo boat that a year's continuous service will mentally and physically incapacitate a man. This assertion is made on the authority of Lord Charles Berosford, but that the strain on any one serving on these crafts is very great is shown by the fact that to one month's service the British naval regulations allow one week off. Austria is endeavoring to mitigate the hardship of service on these boats, and life on one built for the Austrian navy, and tried on the Thames recently, was demonstrated to be pleasanter than those of the English navy.

Just Like Other People.

Though the German emperor has an annual income of about three-quarters of a million sterling, the empress, who dresses "like a good-class woman," is most economical. The children's clothes are repaired in the workroom, where her own wardrobe is mended. When the clothes are outgrown they are cut up for the smaller members of the family, which can very well be done, seeing that six out of the seven children are boys.

All Muscles.

The elephant has more muscles in its trunk than any other creature possesses in its whole body, the number being, according to Cuvier, not fewer than 40,000; while in the whole of his body man can only boast of 227. This is why the elephant's trunk is so exceedingly strong, and at the same time so extremely delicate in its movements.

Activity of Baby Crocodiles.

The moment a young crocodile breaks its shell it is to all intents and purposes as active as it is at any time during its life. It will make straight for the water, even if it be out of sight and a good distance off, and it will pursue its prey with eagerness and agility during the first hour of its free existence.

Cutting of Diamonds.

Diamonds are cut in three different forms—the rose, the brilliant, and the table, of which the second is the prettiest. It is a double pyramid of cone, of which the top is cut off to form a large plane, and at the bottom directly opposite to a small plane.

Privateering.

Letters of marque and reprisal, which really meant the commissioning of privately owned vessels as warships—the old privateer, in fact—were first granted in 1295. They are not permitted now.

A Grafted Ear.

An enterprising veterinarian of Bristol, Pa., has successfully grafted an artificial ear on a horse. It exactly matches the ear on the other side of the animal's head and is equally under control.

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